Steps to check, activities of private security agencies

1441. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose compulsory registration of these security agencies with the police;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of increasing number of personnel of Private security agencies found involved in heinous crimes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the fresh steps taken by Government to formulate certain guidelines in order to keep a check on activities of private security agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) Government is aware that a number of private security agencies have been operating in the various parts of the country. However, no data is maintained of these agencies or of commission of crimes by their personnel. In order to provide for regulation of private security guards and agencies, the Private Security Guards and Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 1994 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1994. Discussions on the Bill have been inconclusive so far. In the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Delhi Police is operating scheme for such private security agencies under which police officers hold meetings at regular intervals with the representatives of private security agencies operating in their respective jurisdiction and to extend possible assistance to them to improve their performance.

Agreements with Bodo Liberation Tigers

1442. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have reached any agreement with the Bodo Liberation Tigers at a meeting held on 10th February, 2003;